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THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A drinking apparatus including:
5 a container having a lid and defining an internal cavity for holding a body of liquid;
a valve element operates in conjunction with an opening on the container and is operable between an open condition and a closed condition;
10 the valve element is biased to the closed condition wherein the apparatus completely encapsulates the internal cavity to thereby prevent substances from being introduced to the cavity; and removal of the lid from the container results in an indication that
15 the apparatus has been tampered with.
2. A drinking apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the action of drawing liquid through the opening causes the valve element to move to the open condition.
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3. A drinking apparatus according to either claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the valve element is biased to the closed condition by gravity.
- 25 4. A drinking apparatus according to any preceding claim wherein the container is a cup.
5. A drinking container according to any preceding claim wherein the lid is arranged to be snap fitted to the
30 container.
6. A drinking apparatus according to any preceding claim wherein the lid and container fit together closely to

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resist removal of the lid by use of a leveraging tool.

- 5 7. A drinking apparatus according to any preceding claim wherein the opening is the bore of a straw.
8. A drinking apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the straw is marked on its outer surface in the region of the valve element.
- 10 9. A drinking apparatus according to claim 8 wherein the region of the straw is marked by colouring the region.
- 15 10. A drinking apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the region of the straw is marked by being fluorescent or luminous.
- 20 11. A drinking apparatus according to any preceding claim wherein the valve element is luminous or fluorescent.
- 25 12. A drinking apparatus according to any preceding claim wherein the indication that the apparatus has been tampered with includes damage to either the lid or the cup.